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PREFACE

The electricity, gas and water supply industries are important components of Australia's economy. In 1998-99 they contributed 2% of Australia's gross domestic product and their combined assets accounted for 4% of Australia's total.

Until the late 1980s, the electricity and gas supply industries were comprised of publicly owned, vertically integrated monopoly suppliers which operated in highly regulated State markets. With the establishment of the 1995 National Competition Policy (NCP), a series of reforms were introduced to deregulate and privatise these industries, resulting in significant restructuring of businesses.

The NCP has similar effects on the water supply industry. Prior to NCP this industry was also State owned and highly regulated. With the NCP, the water supply industry underwent substantial changes. In most jurisdictions, urban water authorities have been moved out of government departments and corporatised.

This directory contains comprehensive information on Australian sources of electricity, gas and water supply statistics from both the public and private sectors. It lists Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) collections which contain data related to electricity, gas and water supply, as well as other non-ABS sources. The indexes at the back of this directory provide a quick reference by subject, industry and data source.

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I would like to thank the organisations which have contributed to this directory.

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INTRODUCTION

This directory provides researchers with a ready reference to Australian sources of statistical information related to the electricity, gas and water supply industries.

Electricity, gas and water supply are defined in the 1993 edition of the **Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification** (ANZSIC) as broadly relating to the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity; the manufacture of town gas from coal and/or petroleum or the distribution of manufactured town gas, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas through a mains reticulation system; the storage, purification or supply of water; or the operation of sewerage or drainage systems including sewerage treatment plants.

Following are the ANZSIC Subdivisions and Groups of ANZSIC Division D (Electricity, Gas and Water Supply):

Subdivision	Group	Class	Title
36			Electricity and Gas Supply
	361		
		3610	Electricity Supply
	362		
37		3620	Gas Supply
			Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Services
	370		
		3701	Water Supply
		3702	Sewerage and Drainage Services

The main section of the directory presents details of electricity, gas and water supply-related data sources by broad subject heading. Each data source entry contains sections entitled:

- Name of collection
- Contact
- Purpose
- Description
- Data detail
- Geographic coverage
- Frequency of data availability
- Historical data
- Products and services.

Some entries also contain an 'Example of information available', which illustrates some of

the data which are available from that data source. Please note that these examples constitute only a small amount of the information that is available and that more detailed data are available from the 'Contact' for each data source. There may be a charge for obtaining data from an organisation.

About this Release

ABOUT THIS RELEASE

Contains comprehensive information on sources of electricity, gas, water and sewerage statistics (ANZSIC Subdivisions 36-37) in the public and private sectors. For each identified collection, the directory provides information on the method of collection, data details, geographic coverage, frequency of data availability and other information to help the reader identify the type of statistics available and how to access them. The directory provides useful indexes to help find the information about specific collections.

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